

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 26th 2004

Seasons Greetings

The officers and members of the IRTS committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all experimenters, short-wave listeners their families and friends a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of both the printed and radio news service over the past year and we look forward to your continued support in 2005.

Remember, the news service depends on input from you, the listener. If you or your club are involved in any radio activities please forward details to news@irts.ie. Even if the event seems trivial, all input for the news is greatly appreciated and never assume that someone else has sent the item in. It is better that we receive news items a number of times than not receive it at all.

ARISS News

History was made on Friday last, December 17th when 300 primary school children witnessed Irelands first schools contact with the international space station.

The event, held at University College in Cork, was hosted by the European Space Agency, the Discover Science and Engineering programme and Enterprise Ireland.

The event was officially opened by Mr. Michael Ahern T.D., Minister for Trade & Commerce and Sean Nolan EI7CD Vice President of the IRTS also addressed the audience.

Cork Radio Club members set up the local end of the communications link, which was via land bridge through Will VK5ZAI in South Australia. Jeremy EI5GM operated the Cork end of QSO.

The link-up was very successful and the audio was connected to the public address in the auditorium with excellent quality.

Cork Radio Club members involved included Jeremy Sheehan EI5GM, Fr. Finbarr

Buckley EI1CS, Aedan O'Meara EI3EG, John O'Sullivan EI3EC, Tom Whelton EI8FXB and Stephen O'Leary EI6JA. Jim Barry EI8GS filmed the entire operation for the Cork ATV Group.

An MP3 audio recording of the contact is available at ariss.uba.be/2004_12_17.htm.

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The next committee meeting of the IRTS will take place on January the 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the Montague Hotel, Portlaoise.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Group

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday the 6th of February 2005 in Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown. Doors open at 11.00 a.m. and admission is 3 euro. Doors will open for traders at 9.30 a.m. For enquiries regarding tables, phone Tony on 01-8252074.

AS-140 to be Activated

Dave EI3IO and Manjurul S21AM will operate from Char Dakhin Shahbazpur (Bhola Island) AS-140 (eighth most wanted IOTA reference in Asia), from the 4th to the 7th of February 2005. A special call sign is being sought from the licensing authority. Two 100 Watt CW/SSB MF/HF stations will be operational and activity on all bands is planned, subject to antenna availability. A 30-metre communications tower is on-site and half slopers are being considered for 160 metres and 80/30 metres. QSL route is via EI3IO. Logs will also be up-loaded to LoTW and eQSL.

South Dublin Radio Club

The closing date for entries to the 2nd Annual SDR Photo Competition is the 11th of January 2005. Presentation of prizes will take place on the 25th of January. This Photo Competition should be every bit as successful as last years. More information can be had from the clubs web site at www.qsl.net/ei2sdr

On Tuesday the 11th of January there will be a demonstration on packet by Dave EI3IO. This will include details of the increased packet coverage in the Dublin area and the new features recently added. Visitors are more than welcome.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

The clubs field day will be held on Saturday the 15th of January, at a location in North Kerry. Stations interested in particular grid squares in Kerry are asked to email their needs to clubinfo at kerry dot com, where it is hoped that more squares can be activated over the coming months.

Up-to-date information on the club and its activities can be found on the web at www.kerry.com

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group committee will re-convene on Wednesday the 5th of January at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Sports and Social Club, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All committee members are asked to attend.

The group would like to take this opportunity to wish all experimenters and SWLs a happy 2005!

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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